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#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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SYSTEM FOR SUPPORTING BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND SYSTEM FOR PREPARING DATA FOR SUPPORTING BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

#### In the Claims:

#### Kindly amend claims 7 and 8 as follows.

- 7. (Amended) The system as claimed in claim 5 wherein the data prepared in all of said steps can be displayed on a mobile computer through the Internet or a memory medium.
- 8. (Amended) The system as claimed in claim 5 further comprising the step of preparing data regarding profitability.

## Kindly add new claims 9-11 as follows.

- 9. (New) The system as claimed in claim 6 wherein the data prepared in all of said steps can be displayed on a mobile computer through the Internet or a memory medium.
- 10. (New) The system as claimed in claim 6 further comprising the step of preparing data regarding profitability.
- 11. (New) The system as claimed in claim 7 further comprising the step of preparing data regarding profitability.

#### **REMARKS**

The above claim amendments are presented in order to remove multiple claim dependencies, so as to reduce the required filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,

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telephone directory data base, indicating the locations of the customers on a map from a map data base, calling the customers to prepare the prospective customer data, preparing a map indicating the locations of the prospective customers, preparing a map showing the locations of the prospective customer, preparing a map that shows a commercial territory, consumers and competitors around the locations of the prospective customers, and preparing data that shows consumption tendencies in the commercial territory.

- 7. The system as claimed in claim 5 or 6 wherein the data prepared in all of said steps can be displayed on a mobile computer through the Internet or a memory medium.
- 8. The system as claimed in any of claims 5-7 further comprising the step of preparing data regarding profitability.